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SUBJECT: FRENCH INVITATION TO THE PREPCON

FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

1. FRENCH CHARGE DE LA GORCE DELIVERED FORMAL DEMARCHE MONDAY MORNING CONSISTING OF (1) INVITATION TO PREPCON 2 SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13, ACCOMPANIED BY (2) A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF CONSENSUS.

2. FRENCH INVITATION AND REVISED CONSENSUS REFLECT FINAL CHANGES THAT WE HAD AGREED TO:

A. PARA 2-2 WILL CONTAIN BOTH TITLES PROPOSED BY THE FRENCH WITH THE FINAL DECISION TO BE LEFT TO THE PREP CON ITSELF.

B. PARA 3-2 SPECIFIES THAT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL NOT EXCEED THREE DAYS.

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C. PARA 3-4, WHICH DISCUSSES THE CREATION OF

FOUR COMMISSIONS, REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SUBSEQUENTLY SET OUT FOR EACH OF THESE COMMISSIONS IN PARAS 4-3 THROUGH 4-6.

D. PARA 4-1 SPECIFICALLY LIMITS COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP TO 15 AND TIGHTENS THE LANGUAGE ALLOWING EACH SIDE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN PARTICIPANTS.

E. PARA 4-2 CLARIFIES THAT THE HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS WILL REPRESENT THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

F. PARA 4-6 QUOTES THE EXACT LANGUAGE ON THE FINANCE COMMISSION THAT WE HAD SPECIFIED.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, CHARGE DE LA GORCE MADE THREE ORAL POINTS:

A. OBSERVERS AT THE SECOND PREPCON WOULD ATTEND ON THE SAME TERMS AS IN APRIL, WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.

B. THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE INVITED "TO PARTICIPATE" IN THE MINISTERIAL, BUT THERE WILL BE NO OBSERVERS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK. HIS INVITATION REFLECTS PREOCCUPATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THAT HIS PRESENCE SYMBOLIZE THE LINK BETWEEN THE DIALOGUE AND THE UN."

C. OBSERVERS AT THE ENERGY COMMISSION WILL SIT BEHIND A SINGLE NAMEPLATE WITH THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.

4. A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO SAUVAGNARGUES CONFIRMING OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FRENCH INVITATION AND CONSENSUS MEMO, IS BEING PREPARED.

5. IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S EARLIER INSTRUCTION TO YOU TO ORGANIZE A PRESS BACKGROUNDER ON THE PREPCON

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AS SOON AS IT WAS CLEAR THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF BACKGROUNDER. PENDING YOUR RETURN, WE WILL BE WORKING WITH PRESS OFFICE TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS. KISSINGER

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